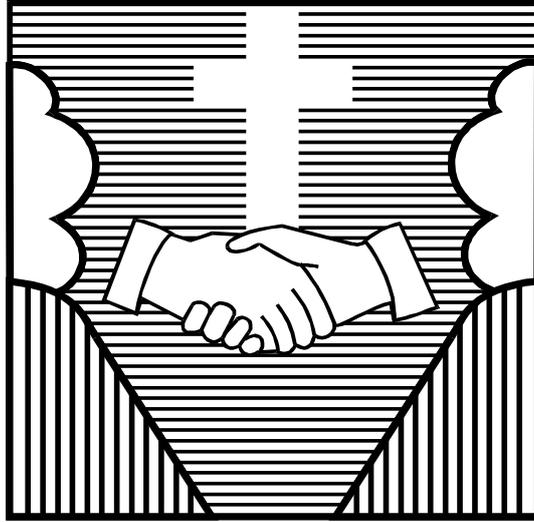


**The Valley**



**Church**

**One church of all ages, with a vibrant, dynamic, worshipping heart,  
reaching out with the love of Christ to Marlow Bottom and beyond**

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**09.30 Holy Communion with Roland Slade & Graham Watts  
11.00 Lantern in The Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts**

**Services – February**

**11 Feb 09.30 Holy Communion with Duncan Cronchey & Dave Bull**

**18 Feb 09.30 Holy Communion in The Chapel  
11.00 Lantern in St. Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts**

**25 Feb 09.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry with Sami Watts  
16.00 Lantern Lights with Graham & Sami Watts**

## NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be an opportunity to pray together at the Chapel, 1-2pm tomorrow.

### **Prayer Meeting for the New Building Project on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

The new building plans are progressing well, but we are very aware that prayer is the most important part of the whole process; particularly individual prayer, but also praying together. If you are able, please come and join us for prayer at **165 Marlow Bottom from 8 – 9.30pm** and to hear where we're up to.

**LENT COURSE** - Graeme Slocombe will be running a Lent course, based on a booklet written by the Bishop of Oxford, entitled Abundant Life, reflections on the raising of Lazarus. The course will run on Tuesdays, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30-9pm. Venue [3 Badgebury Rise, Marlow Bottom, SL7 3QA](#). The booklets cost £2.50, and as he needs to order them soon, please let him know if you want one. ( 07785 262078 or email [graeme\\_slocombe50@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graeme_slocombe50@hotmail.co.uk))

You would be welcome to join for all 4 weeks, or for whichever evenings you can make.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW**

Pancake Day will be celebrated at **Marlow Methodist Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**February** with soup, pancakes and drinks from 11.30 am – 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to provide soups and help on the day. Contact Tony Threlfall 01628 471610

#### **Churches Together in Prayer**

The CTM Prayer Group has been meeting monthly for over 20 years. It has been decided to change the pattern so that in future, meetings will take place quarterly at different churches on a rotating basis. The first of these meetings will be at **All Saints' Church Marlow on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, from 9-10 am**. Please support us.

**Churches Together in Marlow & Marlow Refugee Action** invite you to "Come to Calais – an opportunity to give and live for others during Lent".

We are called during the season of Lent to revisit Jesus's withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Whatever your usual practice for observing Lent, Churches Together in Marlow & Maidenhead encourage you this year to consider a pilgrimage to go and work with the groups that provide for refugees in Calais. There is an information evening at **Christ Church URC Marlow on the 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm** and a leaflet is available at the back of the church or you can email [refugeevolunteervisit@gmail.com](mailto:refugeevolunteervisit@gmail.com).

**Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** There will be a service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at **12 noon** at All Saints Marlow There will also be a service at **8 pm** at St. John the Baptist Little Marlow.

### **ALPHA**

**It's not too late to join the daytime Alpha course running at All Saints' Marlow** on Monday mornings 10am to noon, (no session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – half term)

Refreshments will be served. Creche provided for babies and pre-school children.

Contact: Vanessa Faulkner [vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com](mailto:vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com) (01628 477685)

or The Parish Office [parish.office@4u-team](mailto:parish.office@4u-team) (01628 481806) to register

**Have you ever thought about being confirmed?** The next Confirmation Service in our area is on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> in the evening at St Mark's Church in Bourne End. There will be Confirmation classes run for adults and young people in preparation for the Service, please speak to Graham or Sami if you are interested.

**The Women's World Day of Prayer** service will now be held at Marlow Bottom Methodist Chapel on Friday 2nd March at 2pm. The service has been prepared by the Christian ladies of Suriname and the theme is ;All God's Creation is Very Good!

### **CONCERTS AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW**

**10<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30pm Chiltern Concert Band with SWBGS Choir.

**17<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30pm Rotary hosted concert with music from Chiltern Music Academy.

Tickets Marlow Information Centre.

**“Footprints”** A service for those who have lost a child at any stage of life, from pregnancy to adulthood. **Friday 2nd March 7.30pm St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Medmenham.** Refreshments after the service. Details Revd.Sue Morton 01491 639286 or [suemorton131@gmail.com](mailto:suemorton131@gmail.com)

### **WYCOMBE DEANERY RETREAT DAY**

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10-3pm @ The Mill House Turville.** Lunch & refreshments provided. £5pp  
Contact [suemorton131@gmail.com](mailto:suemorton131@gmail.com) tel:01491 639286

**Readings for next week: 1 Corinthians 11: 20-29 John 6: 47-58**

***We are ordinary people led by an extraordinary God, whose love inspires us to welcome everyone, serve our communities and grow as we follow Jesus together***

# **TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS**

**Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**A Prayer for Guidance** Living God, you do not compel us to serve you but you invite us rather to respond to your love; you do not impose your will upon us or dictate the course we should take, but instead you offer your guidance, giving us signposts to walk by, yet ultimately leaving the decisions we must make in our hands. We thank you for this wonderful expression of trust, this freedom to choose and discover for ourselves and we ask that you will help us to use it wisely; trusting you in return, and seeking, so far as we understand it, to honour your will. Give us wisdom and courage to make the right decisions at the right time and in the right place, to the glory of your name. Amen

**Give thanks** for our friends, families and carers, all who support and nurture us; for the joy of sharing worship together and for a shared hospitality. Help us to be an open and welcoming church to all and any who seek to know our Lord better and to draw closer to God. Help us to be tolerant and respectful to each other and all whom we meet, to use our gifts in service to you and to all.

**Pray** that we will grow good habits of prayer, learning more of your word and growing in faith.

**Pray** for Eloise who will be baptised today and for her family and supporters, as she starts her Christian journey of faith and love in Jesus.

**Give thanks** for the quiet moments to reflect on the magnitude of God's gift of his son and the impact that should have on our lives and how we need to respond as a church and individually. Pray for forgiveness of those who wilfully ignore this message of love and peace to all men and women.

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents, especially the people of California, hardly recovering from devastating wild fires and now victims of destructive mudslides.

**Pray** that all those fleeing from oppression, violence and poverty, may find a welcome and a safe haven offering hope, security and love for the future.

**Pray** for those in our neighbourhood facing financial hardship and homelessness. **Pray** for those who provide food, warmth and comfort for those in need. **Pray** for the Wycombe Shelter and the many volunteers who make it work, and for those coming for shelter and succour.

**Pray** for the opportunities to move forward in the power of a new Spirit in the New Year as we grow in new and exciting directions, as ordinary people with our extraordinary God.

**Pray** for our Team Council as we take time to review the last year and plan for the year ahead. Grant all members, patience discernment and tolerance give each respect for other's opinions and grace to reach a consensus that will enable all our congregations to feel part of a generous and inclusive church community, where all are valued and loved equally and all voices are heard.

**Pray** for those who are sick in body mind or spirit and all those who struggle to make sense of their lives, give thanks for those who are healing. **Pray** for those who are elderly and housebound, or living in residential homes with few friends or visitors. **Pray** for those recovering in hospital or at home; those waiting for further treatment; those coming to terms with disability or changed lifestyles. **Pray** for those who have recently died and those who are still missed, may those who mourn them know the peace and love of Christ and his healing presence